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Treasurer's Report,

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Isaiah Piper. Treasurer, in account with the town of Belmont.

	Dr.
March 1, 1880, To cash on hand,	$2,094 20
To money hired for use of town of school Dis. No. 11,	19 54
To cash of county for support of Albert Hillsgrove,	10 00
Etta H. Fuller, money hired for use of town,	125 00
M. A. Perkins, " " " "	150 00
D. A. Sargent, " " " "	200 00
S. Piper, " " " "	100 00
E. H. Rice, " " " "	50 00
F. F. Baptist Society, money hired for use of town,	200 00
H. J. Clough, money hired for use of town,	135 00
F. P. Drew,, " " " "	200 00
Savings bank tax,	1,260 96
Railroad tax,	112 16
Literary money,	66 60
County for aid to G. Blair,	56 65
Town of Tilton for aid to Gilman child,	54 01
C. B. Gile, collector for 1873.	9 70
J. W. Wells, " " '76,	15 15
" " " " '77,	93 24
" " " " '78,	278 33
" " " " '79,	1,168 27
J. C. Pearsons, " " '80,	7,600 00
Ella F. Judkins, money hired for use of town,	155 68
	$14,154 49

Paid Current Expenses.

J. Piper, error in settlement,	$ 2 00
J. Plumer, use of watering tub,	3 00
F. A. Randlett, use of watering tub,	3 00
W. A. Bucklin, certificates births and deaths,	8 75
J. B. Sanborn, books and stationery,	12 15
J. Blaisdell, watering tub,	3 75
Lewis & Sanborn, printing town reports,	35 00
N. E. Sanborn, bounty on hawks,	1 40
Lewis & Sanborn, printing bills and notices,	2 00
G. F. Dalton, services in road case,	1 00
G. H. Johnson, painting and lettering guide boards,	2 36
A. Hillsgrove, bounty on hawk,	20
L. C. Judkins, " "	20
A. M. Farrar, " "	20
Fuller & Allen repairs on schoolhouse, Dis. No. 5,	100 00
G. H. Johnson, painting and lettering guide boards,	1 64
G. Chace, bounty four hawks,	80
J. C. Wiggin, guide post and setting,	1 75
J. E. Maxfield, cemetery tax,	75
T. L. Fuller, bounty on hawk,	20
J. Twombly, " "	20
E. C. Bean, " "	20
S. Bicktord, watering tub,	3 00
G. Bryant, bounty 3 hawks,	60
First installment county tax,	891 06
C. E. Hunkins, bounty on hawk,	20
T. L. Fuller, " "	20
J. M. Clark, " "	20
W. Nud, " "	20
G. Chace, " "	20
E. A. Woodward, " two hawks,	40
R. L. Farrar, " "	40
J. Plumer, watering tub,	3 00
J. O. Stevens, watering tub,	3 00
Lewis & Sanborn, printing check list,	6 25
E. F. Gile, bounty on 2 hawks,	40
N. Chase, " on hawk,	20
J. W. Wells, preambulating town line,	1 50
G. W. Riley, hall rent,	30 00

J. M. Folsom, expences to Concord, June 1879, and services in Rublee case,	$ 4 95
E. Tuttle. watering tub,	3 00
Last installment county tax,	891 06
State tax,	1,140 00
R. P. Willard, for guide boards,	1 50
N. D. Garmon, use watering tub for 1880,	3 00
A. D. Leighton, " " to first March, 1881,	2 50
C. J. Sanborn, recording invoice for 1880,	4 00
M. A. Kidder, watering tub in 1879,	75
J. Sweatt, bounty on hawk,	20
Several school districts,	1,200 99
I. Piper, services treasurer out town and postage stamps,	5 00
M. K. Smith, watering tub to March 1, 1881,	3 00
I. Mooney, " " " "	3 00
" Office rent to March 1, 1881,	15 00
D. W. Judkins, cash paid for postage and examining records,	1 30
W. C. Wells, postage and stationery for use of town,	2 54
	$4,403 15

Paid for Highways and Bridges.

J. E. P. Randlett, winter and fall '79-'80,	$ 27 78
E. H. Thompson, 1880,	3 60
S. N. Jewett, '79-'80,	2 43
T. Britton, "	13 34
I. Piper,	75
C. H. Rowe, use of scraper, 1878,	1 00
" " 1879,	4 00
A. D. Leighton, winter 1879-80,	9 89
R. L. Farrar, " "	3 22
A. D. Leighton, summer 1879,	4 02
F. A. Randlett, lumber and labor on bridge,	8 39
" " winter 1880,	8 80
A. H. Lamprey, 1879-'80,	6 84
R. P. Willard, spring 1880,	4 65
F. A. Randlett, "	36 00
J. E. Maxfield, use of scraper 1878,	1 50
T. Folsom, winter 1879-'80,	4 62

B. B. Lamprey, winter 1879-'80,	$ 4 95
J. F. Fogg, " "	6 65
C. Rollins, nails for bridge,	82
N. E. Foster, to March 1, 1880,	13 24
C. B. Gile, summer,	27 45
D. W. Gale, winter 1879-'80,	2 75
G. F. Gile, on road and bridge,	48 70
F. A. Randlett, summer, 1880,	15 00
T. R. Cushin,	67 88
B. B. Lamprey, summer 1880,	23 69
L. Sanborn, " "	34 07
J. Pulsifer, winter 1879-'80,	3 79
I. S. Thompson, summer 1880,	58 50
W. T. Batchelder, 1879-'80,	7 64
" summer 1880,	67 50
S. N. Jewett, " "	11 33
G. E. Blaisdell, on bridge,	24 60
J. E. P. Randlett, summer 1880,	30 78
S. B. Knowles, winter 1879-'80,	4 00
" 1880,	46 15
" 1879,	10 00
J. C. Wiggin, summer 1880,	45 80
R. Brown. "	26 75
J. M. Folsom, plank and covering stones,	13 00
L. Rowe, summer 1880,	50 50
J. B. Weymouth, summer and fall 1880,	25 72
J. Pulsifer, " "	26 70
J. T. Dudley, summer 1880,	19 80
J. M. Folsom, 1880,	47 89
B. B. Lamprey, Sept. 1880,	17 47
T. J. Sweatt, drawing bridge plank,	7 00
C. W. Knowles,	45 17
R. L. Farrar, summer 1880,	30 50
T. L. Fuller, labor,	215 95
" winter 1879-'80,	8 75
A. L. Bean, labor,	54 00
H. C. Woodward, summer 1880,	49 50
L. W. Morrill, "	33 68
T. Britton, to Nov. 1, 1880,	48 06
O. Randlett, 1880,	33 84

E. G. Ladd, to Nov. 1,	$ 79 95
D. P. Webster, winter 1879-'80,	1 75
D. H. Maxfield,	36 50
J. A. Ladd,	35 12
T. R. Cushing,	13 54
S. B. Knowles,	15 55
J. S. Kimball,	21 50
J. W. Wells,	3 00
W. Lamprey, summer 1880,	21 13
A. D. Leighton,	20 00
J. M. Folsom,	10 00
A. Janes, covering stones and labor &c.,	9 90
Wiggin & Co., spikes and nails for bridge,	4 24
G. R. Smith, winter and spring 1880,	5 35
E. G. Ladd, labor on bridge and use water tub,	12 00
O. Randlett, damage to plow,	3 00
S. Lamprey, summer 1880,	17 00
" winter to Feb. 18, 1881,	29 16
N. F. Foster,	15 44
W. Sanborn, winter 1880-'81,	4 26
A. D. Leighton, summer 1880,	21 62
" winter 1880-'81,	50 93
C. J. Sanborn, labor on Edwards road,	8 50
G. W. Plumer, winter 1880-'81,	9 02
J. G. Cate, lumber and expenses on bridge,	22 50
G. B. Gilman,	4 44
J. Leavitt, winter 1880-'81,	4 90
	$1,930 70

Paid for Support of Poor.

J. W. Farrar, wood supplied Mrs. J. Randlett,	$ 13 75
N. S. Piper, aid to G. Blair,	45 40
W. A. Bucklin, medical aid to G. Blair,	11 25
J. Piper, support Gilman child,	5 00
L. Sanborn, support furnished W. Sanborn,	4 00
R. P. Willard, aid to W. Sanborn,	6 65
J. W. Piper, support Gilman child,	5 00
" "	7 00

W. H. Plumer, aid to A. Hillsgrove,	$ 10 00
J. W. Piper, support Gilman child,	6 00
" " "	10 00
" " "	10 00
W. A. Bucklin, medical aid "	3 51
J. W. Piper, support of, and funeral expenses of Gilman child.	7 50
	$145 06

Paid Town Officers.

S. F. Hill, services of Auditors,	6 00
C. A. Hackett, supervisor in 1880,	4 00
J. W. Wells, collecting taxes 1876 '77 '78,	95 00
S. F. Hill, supervisor March 1880,	4 00
C. A. Hackett, supervisor fall 1880,	5 00
C. W. Knowles, supervisor February, March, October and November 1880,	9 00
S. F. Hill, supervisor November 1880,	5 00
E. F. Moulton, S. S. Committee,	60 00
J. C. Parsons, services of Moderator in 1880,	4 00
I. Piper, services town treasurer to March 1, 1881,	40 00
C. J. Sanborn, services selectman, including board and expenses to March 1, 1881,	74 50
J. G. Cate, services selectman in and out of town to March 1, 1881,	105 00
D. W. Judkins, services selectman in and out of town including board and expenses to March 1, 1881,	114 78
W. C. Wells, services as town clerk to Feb. 24, 1881,	25 00
	$551 28

Paid Abatement of Taxes.

J. Badger, on ox lost,	60
J. T. Dudley, error in tax in 1879,	2 40
S. N. Jewett, on dog and cow lost,	1 34
J. S. Howard,	1 56
I. Bennett, in 1877,	20 00
H. A. Clough, in 1880,	57
A. D. Leighton, on horse lost,	72
S. D. Hunt, on dog lost,	1 00

J. C. Pearsons, collector for 1880,	$ 34 88
J. W. Wells, collector for 1879,	64 55
" " 1877,	49 95
" " 1878,	35 52
" " 1876,	4 08
	$217 17

Paid Notes against the Town.

J M. Clark,	85 61
J. Kimball,	328 15
H. B. Clark,	60 00
"	43 20
S. Page,	20 00
School District No. 11,	19 54
J. Mathews,	70 00
C. J. Gross,	250 00
L. Sanborn,	20 00
T. Clark,	100 75
H. Wadleigh,	25 00
E. F. Judkins,	255 68
I. Piper, F. H. Brown estate,	1,000 00
" " "	794 77
M. J. Wardwell, B. Fifield's estate,	764 11
L. A. Garmon,	200 00
Treasurer Parsonage Fund,	13 50
	$4,050 31

Recapitulation.

Total receipts,		$14,154 49
Paid current expenses,	4,403 15	
highways and bridges,	1,930 70	
support of poor,	145 06	
town officers,	551 28	
abatement of taxes,	217 17	
notes against the town,	4,050 31	
damage to sheep by dogs,	19 00	
Cash on hand March 1, 1881,	2837 82	
		$14,154 49

ISAIAH PIPER, Treasurer.

JAMES G. CATE,
DUDLEY W. JUDKINS,
CALVIN J. SANBORN,
} Selectmen of Belmont.

February 26, 1881. The undersigned have carefully examined the foregoing accounts, and find them accurately cast and properly vouched and a balance due the town of $2,837 82 in the hands of the Treasurer.

SOLON F. HILL.
CHAS. A. HACKETT,
JAMES S. WEYMOUTH,
} Auditors.

Indebtedness of the Town.

We find the town indebted for outstanding orders, as follows, including principal and interest:

Edwin G. Heath,	$ 15 64	M. H. Sweatt.	$361 20
Leora Foster,	113 08	G. C. Hill,	211 55
Etta M. Bean,	13 69	J. M. Folsom.	550 72
Thomas Clark,	310 85	W. C. Wells,	104 98
D. H. Maxfield.	90 51	L. J. Dearborn.	398 27
Sarah Maxfield.	333 28	T. L. Bean,	132 69
Joshua Lane,	715 68	N. Ellsworth,	113 04
Hannah F. Tucker,	464 78	J. M. Garmon.	51 48
John Tucker,	166 00	M. J. Fifield,	158 72
Nathan F. Foster,	436 46	L. A. Folsom,	1001 26
" "	623 47	W. M. Clark,	549 67
J. C. Cilley,	475 08	T. L. Bean,	109 69
M. Kimball,	238 47	Netta A. Sanborn,	46 40
S. S. Fifield,	651 01	L. A. Sanborn,	78 35
A. M. Fifield,	41 70	M. S. York,	57 77
V. J. Fifield,	155 44	H. J. Clough,	90 20
N. S. Plumer,	57 89	Parsonage Fund,	224 97
Joseph Plumer	472 87	S. W. Knowles,	106 76
Lucinda Plumer,	197 81	M. Kimball,	85 38
D. H. Maxfield.	1,299 76	D. D. Maxfield,	160 11
J. F. Heath,	331 79	Sarah Maxfield.	74 73
F. M. Heath,	407 42	C. O. Judkins,	106 72
H. B. Heath,	220 49	C. J. Gross,	275 68
C. J. Gross,	621 08	D. Sawyer,	1219 78
H. Wadleigh,	148 46	School Dist. No. 11,	20 16
C. Mooney,	331 22	Ella F. Judkins.	159 05
L. A. Willard,	413 76	L. Sanborn,	298 12
A. Dicey,	255 78	L. Sanborn,	388 70
C. W. Hackett,	111 58	Etta H. Fuller,	127 36
Sally Page,	247 60	Mary A. Perkins.	152 75
L. Kimball,	94 11	D. A. Sargent,	203 67
S. C. Hill,	460 51	H. J. Clough,	137 47
S. Piper,	180 18	Sarah Piper,	101 83
E. Dow,	102 22	E. H. Rice,	50 92
W. A. Bucklin,	551 08	First Baptist Society,	203 65
" "	551 08	F. P. Drew,	203 63
E. G. Folsom,	1,218 15	C. O. Bean,	20
J. Mathews,	214 34		
L. M. Sweatt,	307 76		$21,959 71

Claims Due the Town.

Cash in hands of treasurer,		$2837 82
"	C. B. Gile, collector, for 1873,	78 17
"	C. H. Rowe, " 1872,	1 80
"	J. W. Wells, " 1877,	9 78
"	" " 1878,	31 42
"	" " 1879,	164 50
"	J. C. Pearsons, collector for 1880,	486 98
Due on L. B. Fellows' note,		30 59
from J. M. Bean, for old plank,		7 50
		$3,648 56

Indebtedness of the town above means, $18,311.15. Debt reduced in 1880, $1,470.60.

JAMES G. CATE,
DUDLEY W. JUDKINS,
CALVIN J. SANBORN,
} Selectmen of Belmont.

Report of Superintending School Committee.

To the legal voters of the town of Belmont—Gentlemen:

Another year has rolled away and I am obligated by law, at its close, to present a report of the condition of the various schools to you for your consideration. I am happy to be able to say that the year has been a prosperous one to the schools of the town. I know of no perfect failure and only one or two which can be called partial failures. The various prudential committees have been very fortunate in the selection of teachers, and the teachers have labored faithfully for the good of their pupils.

As provided by law, I have exercised the right to make a change in the text books on Geography. I found five different works upon the subject in use and, if I remember correctly, all of them were used in one district. Some of them were old and full of statements which were inaccurate and could give no information in regard to recent changes in the political divisions of the world. I threw this strange mixture of text books out of the schools and introduced Harper's series. I do not pretend that the series is perfect, or that it is superior to others, but it was the best I had seen at that time. The books are giving good satisfaction as far as my knowledge extends. I have also introduced the study of History into some of the schools, and think it should be made a study in all the common schools.

The people in the village district have done their duty and provided for the intellectual improvement of their children by grading the school and doing away with the crowded and promiscuous condition which was seen in the school-room one year ago. Some of the other districts have a work to do in connection with their school-houses. The school-house in No. 12 is not used, the school is kept in the house of the lady who teaches. The house in No. 7 is unfit for use. If the inhabitants of the district were obliged to live in such a building they would consider themselves extremely unfortunate, and yet they permit or *compel* their children to spend day after day in an apology for a school-house. Its only re-

deeming point is its *facilities for ventilation.* It is to be hoped that something will be done in this matter.

Having made these preliminary remarks I will briefly speak of the schools in detail.

District No. 1.

The summer term was taught by Leora F. Foster. This was her first school. It is an act of simple justice to say that she did well and gave promise of making a good teacher. We visited the school three times and were pleased to see a disposition manifested to obey all healthy requirements unhesitatingly. Good order was seen in the school-room. A goodly amount of progress was made in the various branches which showed diligent application to to study. One item was the giving of a part of the time to the neglected "first part of the book." This is one of the best disposed schools in town.

The autumn term was taught by the same teacher. This was a good school and in some respects an improvement on the previous term. Those who were present at our last visit manifested an interest in their studies and made good progress. We were sorry to have any scholar absent, but were glad that their absence did not arise from any difficulty but from necessity.

The winter term was taught by the same teacher. A decided improvement was seen in the management of the school. when compared with the summer and autumn terms. At the close of the term we found the pupils in their places with very excellent progress to show for their year's work. All the classes were very prompt in their recitations. Good order prevailed. This was one of the best schools of the year.

District No. 2.

The summer term was under the care of Alice Freese. Miss Freese has taught this school in the past and knew something about the field of labor she was called to occupy. She went about her work with a determination to succeed. Although the term was very short a goodly amount of progress was made. All did well and some did extremely well. One very pleasing item was the good order which was seen in and around the school-house. The reckless and careless demeanor of the past was done away and the school was put upon the highway to success.

The autumn term was taught by Ellen Bean. Miss Bean is an experienced teacher and an excellent disciplinarian. Under her very earnest and faithful labors the school took a new start and almost did wonders. Ambition to excel, an article not familiar in this school, was infused into the mind of every pupil. Under its inspiration they made rapid progress in all branches. The discipline of the school was simply *perfect*. A person who happened to be present on the last day of the term would hardly recognize in the prompt and well-behaved pupils, the rude and unmannerly boys and girls of one year ago. We hope this school may have Miss Bean's faithful service in coming terms.

District No. 3.

The summer term was taught by Laura E. Randlett. She governed well and labored in a zealous and faithful manner for the good of her little school. A marked improvement was seen in the school. The classes in arithmetic were excellent and can not often be surpassed. Miss Randlett has a right to regard her school as a successful one in all respects.

The winter term was taught by Solon F. Hill. Mr. Hill is an old and experienced teacher who understands his business and evidently attends to it. In this school excellent success was achieved in all respects. It never has been our privilege to listen to more perfect recitation, or to witness more progress in the same number of weeks. Every scholar seemed deeply interested in his studies. All seemed to comprehend the subject matter of their lessons. The best class in reading which we have seen in Belmont is found in this school.

District No. 4.

The summer term was taught by Clara A. Maxfield. Miss Maxfield did well and performed her whole duty to her scholars. They seemed to study with a desire to learn and made a commendable amount of advancement in their studies. We desire to speak of the classes in Written Arithmetic and Algebra, in which very excellent progress was made. The young lady who constituted the class in Robinson's University Algebra showed herself to be a very magnificent scholar. The school was a successful one.

The autumn term was taught by Alida Quimby. Miss Quimby is a fine scholar and one who is thoroughly competent to instruct in all the branches which are taught in our common schools. She

labored in a faithful manner to seek the good and welfare of all the scholars under her care. Some of the scholars made good improvement and reflected credit upon themselves. We are sorry to be obliged to report that some of the boys in the school did not, for some reason, do as well as they might have done.

The winter term was taught by Louisa A. Eaton. The discipline was very excellent and every pupil seemed willing to do right and act for the good of the school. The progress was extremely good. The best common school scholar in Belknap county is in this school. The school was a perfect success in all directions.

DISTRICT NO. 5.

Grammar School.—The summer term was taught by Louisa A. Eaton, with her usual success. Order was the law of the schoolroom and all seemed inclined to obey it. The progress of the school was excellent. Success attended it in all respects. At the close of the examination Master William Willard, in behalf of himself and schoolmates presented the teacher with a beautiful copy of the holy Bible as a mark of their friendship and esteem.

The autumn term was taught by the same teacher who exerted herself in an unusually earnest manner in behalf of her charge. It is needless to say that her efforts were attended with a satisfying degree of progress. The classes were prompt in their recitations and seemed to comprehend in a goodly degree what they had been over during the term. The large number of visits made by the citizens show how much interest they took in the school.

The winter term was taught by Edwin G. Moore. Mr. Moore is a fine scholar and an excellent teacher. Excellent progress was made by all who attended the school. The school was a success in spite of certain efforts which were made to injure it. We were pleased with the order and work of the school.

Primary School.—The summer term was taught by Alice E. Bentley. Miss Bentley showed herself at home in the schoolroom and manifested a goodly amount of qualification for the difficult work of instructing young children. Although the school contained a large number of very young children order and quietness prevailed in an excellent degree. The advancement of the school was good. The school was a success.

The autumn term was taught by M. Winnie Judkins. This is,

of necessity, the most difficult school in town, as the teacher must infuse into the minds of the children the thought that study is a work in which they must engage. Although it was Miss Judkins' first school she succeeded wonderfully well. Her little pupils were attached to her and interested in the school. A good degree of order was maintained and all were pleased and well disposed. The boys and girls made as much progress as any one could expect or ask for. Miss Judkins gives promise of becoming a successful teacher.

District No. 6.

The summer term was taught by Flora O. Bean. Miss Bean is a thorough instructor and leads her pupils along in a careful and profitable manner. All who were present at the examination showed very good progress. Some items of trouble happened which interfered with the usefulness of the school and hindered its advancement. Such items are unnecessary and would not be, if all looked at the subject in the right light.

The autumn term was taught by William T. Morse. We were more than pleased with this school. The teacher and all the pupils worked in an earnest manner. Good improvement was made. The recitations were nearly perfect.

The winter term was taught by the same teacher with equal success. No better school could be asked for. All seemed deeply interested. The parents were perfectly satisfied.

District No. 7.

The autumn and winter terms were both in charge of Ada F. Randlett. She labored in a very earnest manner for the good of the school. Some advancement was made. In so small a school but little ambition can be found or expected.

District No. 8.

The summer term was taught by Emma J. Lane. Miss Lane is a good scholar and understands her business. Under her management the school did nobly in many respects. The careless deportment and saucy manners of which we spoke in our former report was done away to a goodly extent. Good order was maintained in the school-room. At our visits all seemed willing to do the right thing. We were pleased with the promptness and correctness of the recitations. Good progress was made by nearly all. A great improvement was made in reading which we wish to

commend. A very serious disunion exists among the citizens of this district which materially injures the school.

The autumn term was taught by Emma L. Prescott. This was her first attempt in the school-room. She did well. Good order was seen at our visits. Good advancement was made in all the classes. We were satisfied with the school and pronounce it a success.

The winter term was taught by Walter H. Philbrick. It was his first school. He governed well and taught faithfully. A thoroughness in the recitations was seen with which we were well pleased. All made more than the usual amount of improvement. We regret that the number of scholars was so small.

District No. 9.

The summer term was taught by Rev. Seldon J. Gould. Mr. Gould is a finely educated Christian gentleman and understands how to teach. No person who has an interest in the cause of education could fail to be much pleased with all things connected with this school. A thoroughness of instruction, coupled with unquestioned ability, enabled the teacher to see the results of his efforts in a very eminent degree. It required hardly an effort on the part of the teacher to preserve order in the school-room. It can be said that the school governed itself. When the teacher reached the house in the morning, or at noon, he found the scholars in their places ready to go to work. No words of praise are at all necessary—it is its own praise. We will simply say that the progress was exceedingly good.

The autumn term was taught by the same gentleman. We were not notified of the close of the school and consequently made no final visit. We do not question the success of the school. We need more such teachers and more such schools.

District No. 10.

The autumn term was taught by Miss Laurenia Gale, with good success. The scholars all made good progress in their respective branches. We were pleased with the school. Some good scholars attend this school.

District No. 11.

The summer term was taught by Miss Frances M. Heath. The two little boys made good and commendable improvement in their studies.

The autumn term was taught by the same faithful teacher, with the same degree of success.

District No. 12.

This school was taught by Mary E. Leighton. A decided advancement was made by the scholars. A very faithful effort was made by Miss Leighton in behalf of her little family.

Having mentioned all of the schools in consecutive order, I will briefly add a few remarks which I think the circumstances call for.

I noticed a number of instances during the year in which a desire was manifested to put the scholars ahead more rapidly than their ability seemed to justify, and a certain amount of murmuring was indulged in because an objection was made by those in charge of the schools. If I am not mistaken, nine-tenths of the scholars in town would be benefitted if they were compelled to go back to the first question in their various text books and carried over the ground again in a careful manner. The lower branches and the first part of others are both seriously neglected and should receive more attention. The foundation of a structure is the most important part of it and can not be neglected with safety.

In a few instances parents, without cause or reason, have interfered with the schools and sought, in a measure to direct them. To our mind this is a very reprehensible course, and is always attended with evil results. If an individual is competent to teach school he should be permitted to exercise his own judgment in the school-room. If it is at all needful to continually criticize a teacher and find fault with his methods he should be considered as incompetent and not be permitted to fill the position of a teacher. It must be remembered that it requires only a little interference and adverse influence to injure and practically destroy a school. When the boys and girls in a school find that the citizens take sides against a teacher they become bold to do wrong, thinking that they will be supported in their rebellions. Our advice is *"let the teacher have all the sympathy and moral aid you can give him and let no scholar know that you are disatisfied with the school."*

Some of the schools are very small and an imperative call is made for a change. No.'s 5, 6, and 12 ought to be consolidated, and changes are needed elsewhere. Eight districts are sufficient

for your town and would accomodate all sections. It is to be hoped that some action will be taken in this direction.

In closing, I wish to return thanks to the teachers and scholars for their courteous treatment of myself in my visits to the schools.

E. S. MOULTON, S. S. Committee.

Belmont, N. H., Feb. 19, 1881.

Statistical Report of the Schools.

No. of District.	Name of Teacher.	No. of Term.	No. of Scholars.	Average Number.	Average Daily Attend'nce.	Wages Per Month.	No. on Roll of Honor.	No. in Dist. not in School.	Per Cent. Daily Att'nd'nce.	Length of Term.
1	Leora L. Foster,.....	1	14	13	11.4	$14.00	3	0	.92	10
	Leora L. Foster,.....	2	14	10.9	9	17.00	2	1	.82	10
	Leora L. Foster,.....	3	9	8	8	17.00	5	0	.88	8
2	Alice Freeze,.....	1	18	17	16	24.00	4	0	.95	6
	Ellen Bean,.....	2	18	18	16	21.00	0	0	.88	10
3	Laura A. Randlett,.....	1	*	....	....	.....	.	.	...	..
	Solon F. Hill,.....	2	*	....	....	.....	.	.	...	..
4	Clara A. Maxfield,.....	1	11	11	10.9	12.00	9	1	.99	6
	Alida Quimby,.....	2	12	11	10.9	14.00	5	0	.92	6
	Louisa A. Eaton,.....	3	13	12	11.5	23.00	3	0	.96	10
	GRAMMAR SCHOOL.									
5	Louisa A. Eaton,.....	1	32	31	29	26.00	8	10	.94	8
	Louisa A. Eaton,.....	2	30	29	28	26.00	6	9	.96	6
	E. G. Moore,.....	3	24	21.5	20	30.00	1	16	.95	10
	PRIMARY SCHOOL.									
	Alice Bently,.....	1	33	30	30	18.00	0	0	.91	8
	M. Winnie Judkins,.....	2	32	30	24	18.00	0	0	.80	10
6	Flora O. Bean,.....	1	9	6	6	16.00	4	0	.75	6
	W. T. Morse,.....	2	9	5	5	20.00	1	1	1.00	8
	W. T. Morse,.....	3	9	5	4	20.00	1	1	.80	4½
7	Ada F. Randlett,.....	1	7	6	5	16.00	0	1	.83	5
	Ada F. Randlett,.....	2	8	7	6	16.00	0	1	.85	9
8	Emma J. Lane,.....	1	11	11	9.5	24.00	2	0	.86	11
	Emma L. Prescott,.....	2	10	10	9.8	20.00	8	0	.98	7
	W. H. Philbrick,.....	3	6	6	5.5	20.00	2	5	.91	8
9	S. J. Gould,*.....	1	..	....	....	.....	.	.	...	..
	S. J. Gould,*.....	2	..	....	....	.....	.	.	...	..
10	Laurenia Gale,.....	1	11	10.5	9	26.00	3	0	.85	10.4
11	Frances M. Heath,.....	1	5	4.8	4.8	16.00	0	0	1.00	7
	Frances M. Heath,.....	2	2	1.9	1.9	16.00	1	1	1.00	8
12	Mary E. Leighton,.....	1	2	2	2	*	2	0	1.00	10.4

* Registers not returned to committee.